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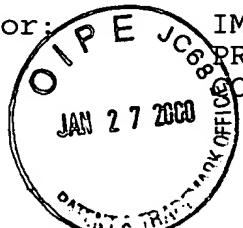
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For: IMAGE CONVERSION METHOD AND APPARATUS, IMAGE CONVERSION
PROCESSING PROGRAM, AND RECORDING MEDIUM ON WHICH IMAGE
CONVERSION PROCESSING PROGRAM IS RECORDED



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Honorable Commissioner of Patents
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Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Under the provisions of 35 USC 119 and 37 CFR 1.55(a), the applicant hereby claims the right of priority based on the following application(s) :

<u>Country</u>	<u>Application No.</u>	<u>Filed</u>
JAPAN	10-265498	09/18/98
JAPAN	11-241776	08/27/99

A certified copy of the above-noted application(s) is(are) attached hereto.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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